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INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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SUBJECT: OAS OBSERVER TEAM BEGINS TO SETTLE IN

DEPT FOR USOAS

1. ARGENTINE GENERAL LUIS MARIA MIRO, COMMANDER OF THE OAS OBSERVER TEAM, ARRIVED SAN SALVADOR AS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 2. HE IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED HIS COMMAND POST FOR SAN SALVADOR IN THE CAMINO REAL HOTEL.

2. TWO US MEMBERS OF THE OBSERVER MISSION ARRIVED AUGUST 3 BY MILITARY FLIGHT FROM THE CANAL ZONE. BOTH ARE SPANISH SPEAKING USA OFFICERS - MAJOR MANUEL CINTRO AND MAJOR EVELIO BORREGO. THEY TOLD MILGRP COMMANDER THAT A THIRD US OFFICER, MAJOR GARCIA, SHOULD BE IN PLACE IN TEGUCIGALPA.

3. GENERAL MIRO HAS ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT IN THE PERSON OF CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ROJAS. ROJAS TOLD DATT THAT HE MET WITH MIRO THIS AM AND BRIEFED HIM ON THE BORDER

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4. GENERAL MIRO ALSO CALLED AND SPOKE TWICE WITH DATT. ON BOTH OCCASIONS HE EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE USG HAS NOT LIVED UP TO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS ITS "COMMITMENT" TO PROVIDE HIM AND THE TEAM WITH AIR SUPPORT (FOUR HELICOPTERS AND ONE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT) AND COMMO CAPABILITIES. HE SAID HE HAD HOPED TO FLY TO HONDURAS TODAY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE GOH BUT THAT HE COULD NOT DO SO WITHOUT A PLANE. MIRO SAID THAT THE GOES OFFERED TO FLY HIM DIRECTLY TO TEGUCIGALPA, BUT THE GOH SAID THAT THIS WAS "UNACCEPTABLE". A PLAN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN WHICH THE GENERAL AND HIS TEAM WILL BE FLOWN TO MANAGUA TOMORROW BY SALVADORAN MILITARY CRAFT, WHERE THEY WILL BE PICKED UP BY A HONDURAN AIRPLANE.

4. GENERAL MIRO IS OBVIOUSLY FRUSTRATED AT HIS LACK OF MOBILITY. HE TOLD DATT AND US MEMBERS OF THE OBSERVER MISSION THAT HE HAS CALLED HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND ASKED IT TO PUSH HIS REQUEST IN THE OAS AND REMIND THE US OF ITS "COMMITMENT". HE ALSO HAS CONTACTED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT AND REQUESTED THAT IT SEND HIM AN AIRCRAFT.

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